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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NEW ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT

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1. ALTHOUGH RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE QUOTE SUPREME GOVERNING COUNCIL UNQUOTE ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO US, THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT MILITARY JUNTA IS FULLY IN CONTROL OF COUNTRY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT RECOGNITION QUESTION ARISES IN PRESENT SITUATION. THE BLOODLESS CHANGEOR OF LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE CONTFXT OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT INVOLVES ESSENTIAL CONTINUITY.

2. NEVERTHELESS, GENERAL USG POLICY IN THESE CASES IS TO AVOID ANY FORMAL CONTACTS WITH NEW GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS INDICATING USG RECOGNITION, FOR AT LEAST A FEW DAYS. THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR
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THIS APPROACH IS TO AVOID ANY CHARGES OF U.S. COM-

PLICITY IN THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. YOU
MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION MAINTAIN INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH GOE
OFFICIALS AS YOU DEEM DESIRABLE (SEE 11 FAM 113.7-2/3).

3. WE ASSUME YOU WILL RECEIVE CUSTOMARY CIRCULAR NOTE
FROM GOE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH

OUR USUAL PRACTICE, YOU SHOULD HOLD OFF RESPONDING TO
THAT NOTE UNTIL AT LEAST SIX TO EIGHT OTHER OAS MEMBERS
HAVE RESPONDED. PLEASE SEND TEXT OF NOTE WHEN RECEIVED.
WE WILL PROVIDE RESPONSE. IN KEEPING WITH RECENT
DEPARTMENTAL PRACTICE, WE WISH TO CONTINUE TO DEEM-
PHASIZE RECOGNITION ISSUE. THUS, WE WOULD EXPECT TO
RESPOND WITH A DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH SIMPLY INDICATES
OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE RELATIONS.

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